

CONGRESS has given the Union Pacific railroad 12,000,000 acres of land; the Central Pacific 9,000,000 and the Kansas Pacific 6,000,000, but they did not get away with it all.

HON. C. T. RYLAND, of San Jose has been added to the list of Democratic aspirants for Governor. Still they come: ROACHE, IRWIN, FAIRLEY, O'CONNOR, FINDLEY and many others too numerous to mention. For particulars see small bills.

When a man dies, his friends look carefully over all his papers and books to see the value of the estate he has left behind. The angels diligently examine the record of his life, to see how many good deeds he has sent before him. A good opportunity for profitable investment.

AN account headed "Cruel and Shameful Outrage in Kern County," which has been printed in nearly every paper in the State, turns out to be without the slightest foundation in fact. The story is that the wife of a man named PEYTON was carried off and outraged by five Mexicans. It was a hoax which first appeared in the Fresno *Expositor* and was afterward dressed up in the sensational style by the San Francisco *Chronicle*. We cannot see where the amusing part comes in on such a recital as published, and it appears to us that the invention and publicity of such a narrative is little less than criminal. We are glad to know that the story is false but it would have been better had it never been told.

A Sanitary Measure.

A correspondent of the Santa Barbara *Index* designates Los Angeles as "the dirtiest town in Southern California." This is a sweeping assertion and, though we don't know just how dirty Santa Barbara and other towns may be, we will assume that it is untrue. A city might be, and doubtless many are, dirtier than Los Angeles. Yet, while we indignantly deny that ours is the dirtiest town in the State, we are not sure that our claim to being the cleanest can be substantiated. It is a fact that the sanitary condition of Los Angeles might be greatly improved. It is equally true that many unsightly and undoubtedly unhealthy spots might with little expense and no serious detriment to any one be greatly improved. We believe that it is the duty of the city authorities to give this subject their consideration, and we hope the new officials will give the sanitary condition of the city their earliest attention. The Health Ordinance remains unappealed and we believe it is the will of the majority of our citizens that a Health Officer shall be appointed and instructed to proceed in the work of removing the many nuisances so dangerous to health, as rapidly as possible without imposing extraordinary and unnecessary expense upon the people. A too rigid enforcement of the ordinance should not be insisted upon, but if we would maintain the reputation of our city as a desirable resort for invalids and guard against disease among our citizens, we must employ the services of a Health Officer.

A Successful Enterprise.

The Alden Fruit Drying Factory established in this city by Mr. GEO. B. DAVIS has proven a very successful undertaking. Although the factory did not commence operations till late in the season when the grape crop was fully three-fourths gone, yet so rapid is the process that a great many tons of raisins were made and a large amount of apples and pears preserved. The market created by the Alden process will induce extra exertions on the part of our fruit-growers, and no doubt stimulate many to plant trees and vines. One or two other Alden factories will, we understand, be erected in other parts of the county next Spring, and the Alden process will therefore furnish a home market at good prices for the fruit of every kind grown in the valley. The Herald's prediction that Los Angeles Valley Alden preserved fruit would prove superior to that of any other locality in the State has been fully verified, as will be seen from the following, clipped from a late number of the San Francisco *Alta*: "The establishment of an Alden drying house at Los Angeles and the successful production of raisins from the Muscat and Mission grapes, will open a new source of revenue to the owners of vineyards in the southern part of the State. In consequence of the loss of the San Francisco market for fresh grapes, the inability to produce brandy with a profit under the oppressive revenue laws, the high cost of casks and the dear freight on wines, many of the vineyardists have become discouraged, and many of them have rooted up their vineyards. The Alden drying house will alter the conditions, and raisins will doubtless soon become one of the chief products of that part of the State. Many vineyards will be changed in character by grafting with raisin grapes, thus enhancing the prosperity of a district which has for several years been enjoying a flushness far beyond previous experience. The new raisins have already been produced of fine quality and large quality, and can be obtained of G. O. McMULLIN & Co., agents in this city."

How to Make Land Valuable.

Railroad builders discovered the secret of making land valuable some years ago, and they have populated vast tracts which, without their assistance, would have remained an uninhabited region for the next half century. The upper portion of the San Joaquin valley is now a fair illustration of what they are able to do. When the alternate sections were donated to the railroad the land was wild and valueless except for pasture. Timber was scarce and the expense of hauling lumber sufficient to build a small house in some parts of Fresno county was so great that few men cared to incur it. Fencing was out of the question. Nor was this the only difficulty to be encountered. The distance to market was so great that though the soil was of the richest and most productive, the expense of transporting grain to a market was so great as to destroy all prospects of a profit to the producer. Hence no one thought of growing more grain than required for home consumption. In consequence the land was considered comparatively worthless, no one envied the railroad company the possession of the alternate sections. But Messrs. STANFORD & Co. knew how to make their land valuable. They built a railroad through the valley and thus enabled the farmer to obtain lumber at cheap rates and in large quantities. The road also afforded him a cheap and rapid transportation of his farm products to market. Land advanced rapidly in value and in a short time the company's alternate sections were sought for at five, ten and twenty dollars per acre. Some shrewd gentleman saw that the railroad plan of making land valuable might be used in settling up many large tracts which the farm purchaser could not reach. The plan was tried on the Lompoc grant, with what success we all know. A company purchases a large tract of land, which they wished to sell off in farms, but it is far away from school facilities and town advantages, and men of families seeking homes are slow about purchasing. These difficulties must be met and overcome. The company see the importance of providing schools and building a town. They mark out a mile square in the center of the tract, and this they divide into town lots, reserving public squares, locations for school and society buildings. The lots are sold and a certain percent. of the proceeds is an endowment for a college. Around the town site another section is sold off in lots of one or more acres for gardens and suburban homes. A percentage of this is set apart to defray the expense of erecting the college building. Then the remainder of the tract is sold off in small lots, and the result is the funds for a college building are raised and an endowment is secured sufficient to keep the school going and the nucleus for the town is formed at the same time. Hundreds of farms are made and thousands of people furnished with homes. This is the plan on which the Lompoc tract passed into the hands of the people and this is the plan on which the Centinela Company propose to dispose of a large area of land lying between this city and the ocean.

TABLE TELEGRAPHING.

1. Laying knife or handkerchief through hat—I desire to converse by signal with you.
2. Unfolding and holding it up by corner—Is it agreeable?
3. Playing with the fork and holding forefinger of the left hand to the ear—I have something to tell you privately.
4. Holding up knife and fork in each hand—When can I see you?
5. Laying knife and fork together on the left of the plate—After the meal (This signal will suffice for a query or answer.)
6. Cleverly right hand on table-top.
7. Napkin or handkerchief held with three fingers—Yes.
8. Held with but two fingers showing—No.
9. Holding napkin to the chin with forefinger over mouth—Cease signaling.
10. Standing the knife and fork thus—Can I meet you?
11. Laying knife and fork thus: X—I am angry or displeased.
12. Balancing fork on edge of cup—Are you engaged to-night?
13. Folding the napkin triangularly (laying it down)—Have you been out since last night?
14. Drawing the knife through prongs of fork—I shall remain at home.
15. Striking fork with knife—I shall go out to-night.
16. Balancing fork on knife—Meet me, (or if by gentleman)—Can I meet you?
17. Placing knife over glass—Will you be alone?
18. Balancing spoon on edge of cup—I have an engagement.
19. Stirring spoon slowly in cup—Will you be late?
20. Holding the spoon over the cup and raising meditatively upon it—We are suspected; or, we are discovered.
21. Slapping the ear as if brushing a fly—I do not understand.

The Vallejo Independent of Friday says: "A stranger came over from the Navy Yard the other day with a stick in his hand, which he waved as the last piece of Keasage wood on the island. How many have left Vallejo with that fond delusion and with the self-gratification that they possessed a piece of the genuine wood—but oh, ye gods! how they have been deceived!"

The Stanislaus News, in referring to the mild season, says: "There have been but one or two light frosts. In many yards roses and other hardy flowers are still blooming; tomato vines are still fresh and the fruit often in a growing condition. Last Saturday Mr. Vivian brought to the Orange fruit green crop, just pulled from the growing stalks."

Latest Telegrams.

EASTERN.

Texas Pacific Railroad—What Jay found Wants.

CHICAGO, December 14th.—Friends of the Texas and Pacific Railroad are canvassing actively for it. The results are so favorable as to induce Houghton to prepare a resolution directing the Committee on Pacific Railroads to consider the bill at an early date and report.

John D. Davis, Supervisor of Registry, and six Commissioners of Election of St. Helena Parish make affidavit that the Returning Board are in session making a final compilation. There is much subdued excitement. The *Bulletin* and *Playmate* have organized a White League and are instigating the excitement. A grand convocation of the White League will meet tomorrow night.

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From Vicksburg.

VICKSBURG, December 14th.—Dr. Bowen, foreman of the Grand Jury of Warren county, denies that he believes Crosby innocent of the charges against him.

Ocean Steamers.

NEW YORK, December 15th.—The Colorado left Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, Dec. 13th.

The Mohongo arrived at Panama December 12th from San Francisco. Mexican and Central American ports.

The Trouble at Vicksburg.

NEW YORK, December 14th.—Dispatches say that negroes are reported to be gathering in the neighborhood. Much excitement prevails. A special police has been called out and they are arming and guarding the approaches to the town.

Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, December 15th.—A fire last night in the five-story brick block on Washington street, between the street and burned through to Pembroke. It is thought now to be under control. Ten buildings were destroyed. The loss is very heavy.

Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, December 14th.—The President has nominated Alexander Martin Meltzer and Refiner of the Mint at San Francisco, and James Crawford Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City.

Kelly, of Oregon, introduced a bill in the Senate granting the right of way and depot ground on public lands to the Oregon Central and Pacific Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sargent's bill, fixing the minimum price on certain restored lands in California, relates to land originally withdrawn from the benefit of the Central Pacific Railroad and afterwards restored for the Southern Pacific, but since restored to the public domain. The bill makes the even numbered acres and twenty-five cents per acre, the same as odd numbered.

FOREIGN.

Von Armin's Trial Continued.

BRUSSELS, December 11th.—The evidence in the Von Armin trial was concluded today. There is great indignation in France over some papers disclosed during the trial.

SAN FRANCISCO.

A Miserable Death—An Embittered Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15th.—John Brophy, who, while cleaning a cesspool at the Mission last week fell into it and was rendered insensible, inhaling gases, died Saturday night from its effects.

J. H. T. Hannon, a young man who recently decamped with \$4,000, the property of his employers, Goodrich, Nelson & Perkins, was arrested in Jersey City. He reached this city last night, in charge of Detective Stone. He is charged with embezzlement.

The Earthquake in the East.

NEW YORK, December 12th.—The earthquake shock on Thursday night appears to have been more extensive than was at first supposed. At Washington Heights it sounded like a prolonged roll of thunder; at Spuyten Duyvel the people kept lights burning all night, fearing a repetition. A rocking and rumbling sensation was felt at West Mount Vernon and White Plains. At Mount Pleasant, Kenosha and Kalamazoo houses shook, windows rattled and instances are reported where persons fell off chairs, ceilings cracked, and fears are entertained that some of the houses will topple over. Many agree in describing the sound as resembling a terrific explosion. At Dobbs' Ferry, houses were violently shaken and bells rung. The concussion lasted five or six seconds. At Mount Vernon the whole town turned out in alarm, several occupants of the hotels were thrown out of their beds, and the proprietors rung a general alarm. In Rockland a general damage was done to ceilings and glassware, and the people rushed into the streets in their night clothes. Many persons were seriously indisposed through fear.

Another Scandal in Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, December 12th.—The Brooklyn *Union* this afternoon says that Thomas W. Field has commenced an action for absolute divorce against his wife on the ground of adultery. In the latter part of last year he commenced a suit against Thomas Kinella, editor of the Brooklyn *Ensign*, for the alleged seduction of his wife, and with whom the alleged adultery was committed. The complaint alleges that Kinella and Mrs. Field lived together for some time as man and wife at Lake George. A Commissioner has been taking testimony lately regarding the allegation, which has been placed in the form of affidavits, the contents of which, in many respects, are said to be unfit for publication.

Josephine Mansfield.

NEW YORK, December 12th.—The suit of Josephine Mansfield against Lucy D. Fisk, widow and executrix of the late James Fisk, is down on the Supreme Court Calendar for Monday, but it is thought the case will hardly be taken up before the following Monday. The suit is for the payment of two promissory notes, amounting to about \$300,000, which Fisk is said to have brought suit in Fisk in late time, but he put in an answer and is contesting the payment of the notes.

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Idle Men in New York.

NEW YORK, December 12th.—A statement of the condition of affairs in all manufactures and industries employing a large force of employees in this city is published to-day. In building trades the stagnation continues and nearly 7,000 men are idle; of shoemakers, 1,000 are idle; iron interests are very much depressed and there are nearly 6,000 men idle; the cabinet-makers are doing only one-half their former trade and 2,500 men are idle; over 2,000 printers are out of employment; 3,400 copper and sugar refiners and 7,000 unskilled laborers are idle. In round number, there are 30,000 unemployed men, exclusive of several thousand strikers.

Pacific Coast Items.

There are 40,000 acres of land under cultivation in the Pajaro valley.

Over 70,000 sheep are pasturing in San Diego county, just beyond False Bay.

The St. Helena *Star* says Mitchell & Co. have struck a rich chrome mine near that place.

The Marysville *Appeal* says that its "hoodlum ordinance" forbidding its boys being on the streets after 9 o'clock at night—works like a charm.

Legal proceedings have been taken to restrain the issue of lands to the Santa Cruz Narrow-gauge Railroad by Santa Cruz county.

Messrs. Washburn, Coffman and Chapman of Merced are going to construct a new road to Yosemite through Merced. They expect to have it ready next season.

The Sacramento *Bea* remarks: "The Park's Levee, as it is called, in Sutter county, reclaiming 125,000 acres, which broke last year, has been repaired and it gallantly withstood the rush of waters. The land thus reclaimed is now worth fifty dollars an acre, while before reclamation no one dared venture a crop on it, and it could be used only for pasture during the fall season."

DIED.

LYNCH.—In this city, Dec. 15th, Elizabeth, daughter of S. J. Lynch, aged 14 years.

Funeral from the family residence, Main street, between Second and Third, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NEW TO-DAY.

Watch my Advertisement

Tomorrow you will find something in it to make every smoker feel good. In the mean time, I would advise any one fond of a good cigarette to call on me for a new stock of cigars, tobacco and all smokers' articles, at prices to suit every one. Don't forget to call at

J. GOLDSMITH'S, Main St., next to W. E. & Co's Express. The latest Illustrated Papers always on hand.

Notice to Grangers.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING WILL BE held at the Hotel over the Grange Store, Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a new board of directors. The best method of obtaining further information is to call on J. Q. A. STANLEY.

LOST.

A GRAY HORSE WITH NEW HARNESS on loan away from the New York Bakery, Saturday, Dec. 13th. A reasonable reward will be paid for the return of the animal and harness to the owner.

LOUIS EISINGER, New York Bakery.

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FROM THE BREA RANCH, NEAR MR. Valdez's residence, 14 horses strayed, among them one white gray, one sorrel, one black, one dark bay, mare and horse, one bay and another roan. The person who can give any information that will lead to their recovery, or knows their whereabouts, can give notice at the office of *La Cronica*.

AUCTION!

R. DAVIS & CO. Will sell the following goods on

Wednesday, Dec. 10th, On the corner of

ETERNITY AND HIGH STREETS:

One Piece Black Silk, One Piece Satin, One Piece Colored Dolphinino, Three Pieces Marcellines, One Piece Linen, Twenty Linen Pocket Handkerchiefs, Alpacas Bindings, Lady's Fine Stockings, Shawls, Spool Silk, Colored Ribbons, Three Dozen Suspensors, One Dozen Cashmere Cotton.

FANCY GOODS AND MILLINERY, Fourteen Pairs Misses Shoes, One Dozen Carpet Slippers, Three Dozen Assorted Fancy Baskets.

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HAVING LARGE EXPERIENCE in doing CITY GRADING, I am prepared to do all kinds of work on short notice. Work respectfully solicited. OFFICE, and Reference, G. W. Morgan, Esq. Real Estate Agent, Temple Block, Los Angeles, Cal. W. M. PENFIELD, Contractor.

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The route passes through the beautiful colony of Riverside and the famous Chino ranch.

Tickets should be purchased and seats secured of the agent in Los Angeles.

H. W. HILKIN, Supt. STAGE OFFICE, 101 Main street, office, Nelson & Perkins' steamship line.

J. L. WARD, Agent.

PROPOSALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received by the Common Council at its session of Dec. 17th, 1874, for the building of the extension of the Block Canyon on Sixth street, according to Specifications, box at my office.

N. K. RICHMOND, Clerk of Common Council.

GAREY'S Semi-Tropical Nurseries.

Located on San Pedro street, two miles south of Los Angeles.

The largest stock of Northern and Semi-Tropical Fruit Trees in the State.

40 Varieties of Citrus Trees, Cactus and cactus-like plants, Potted, Liquid, and all kinds of plants, at low prices.

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CAUTION.

WE ARE INFORMED THAT PARTIES are selling an inferior grade of soap and represent it to be manufactured by us. We caution all not to buy soap that is not stamped "Chemical Soap," manufactured by Los Angeles Soap Co.

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FOR SALE.—The First-Class well-established Sewing Machine, Pattern and Furniture, No. 60 Spring street.

dec25-26 M. L. HAIR.

Business Change.

THE UNDERSIGNED have purchased the general Grocery Provision, Poultry, Liquor, and all kinds of goods, at the store of Peter Lannoy, on Main street, second door from Court.

All debts of the old concern will be paid by Lannoy. The purchase of the former friends of the house is solicited.

dec21-19 TUBIN & GOODMAN.

NOTICE.

ALL Parties having pledges in my office will call and redeem the same before the 20th of the month of January, 1875, or they will be sold at public auction.

E. GREENBAUM, Pawnbroker, 129.

Pawnbroker's Sale.

ON the 23rd of this month, I will sell at Public Auction, a large lot of Jewelry, Gems, Sticks, Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, &c. &c. &c. at the Trade and Public Sale, take place at the California Loan and Broker office.

E. GREENBAUM, dec22-19 Proprietor.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GIFTS!

PIANO-FORTES! PIANO-FORTES!! Great Reduction in Prices during the Holidays!!

FOUR of the New York Pianos, Full Square Grand—Concert Pianos—74 octave. Price, \$550. Reduced \$100.

FOUR of the New Boston, four round corners, serpentine plain mouldings all round 7 octave. Price \$300. Reduced \$100.

TWO Bourne Pianos, very elegantly carved. Price \$400. Reduced \$100.

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From and after the first of December, 1874, and up to Christmas Eve, whoever will purchase goods at THE PEOPLE'S PALACE to the extent of Five Dollars or more, will be presented with a Christmas present.

The presents will range in value as high as FIFTY DOLLARS EACH.

And include useful as well as ornamental articles. Quite a number of them will be Japanese articles, such as cabinets, work boxes trays, jewel boxes, writing desks, dressing cases, etc.

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